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Disaster Unemployment Assistance Available For Additional Virginia Localities

RICHMOND—Individuals unable to work due to the 5.8 magnitude earthquake and the subsequent aftershocks that occurred on August 23 through October 25, 2011, may be eligible for disaster unemployment assistance in two additional Virginia localities.

The counties of Albemarle and King George join the counties of Louisa, Culpeper, Fluvanna, Goochland, Orange, Spotsylvania, and the City of Fredericksburg on the list of localities that may be eligible for federal disaster assistance.

Self-employed and unemployed workers that live or work in the designated disaster areas who are not covered by regular state unemployment insurance programs may be eligible for this assistance under the major disaster declaration by President Obama on November 4, 2011. Under this program, benefits of up to \$378.00 per week may be paid to eligible individuals until they are able to return to work.

Disaster unemployment assistance covers those who:

- Are unable to work because their place of employment was put out of operation or they were unable to travel to their workplace due to the effects of the flood damage;
- Are self-employed, but are prevented from working due to the effects of the flood damage;
- Have become the breadwinner or major support of a household because the head of the household died as a result of the disaster; or
- Cannot work because of an injury caused as a direct result of the disaster.

Anyone interested in filing for disaster unemployment assistance should visit the nearest Virginia Employment Commission (VEC) office. Individuals affected in the counties of Albemarle and King George have until **March 9, 2012**, to apply. For those affected in the previously declared county of Louisa, the deadline for filing for disaster unemployment assistance expired on **December 12, 2011**, and the deadline for those affected in the counties of Culpeper, Fluvanna, Goochland, Orange, Spotsylvania, and the city of Fredericksburg expired on **February 2, 2012**. Applicants should bring their social security number and, if possible, documentation showing earnings for the calendar year 2010.

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